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REMARKS

Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested. Claims 1-4, 7-11, 14-18 and 21 are pending in this application. Claim 22 has been cancelled by this amendment.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 22 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Berl (U.S. Patent No.: 5,991,302). In order only to expedite allowance of this application, and not by way of agreement, Applicants have canceled claim 22, and thus submit that this rejection is moot.

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Allowable claims

Claims 1-4, 7-11, 14-18 and 21 were allowed.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Lindsay McGuinness, Applicants' Attorney at 978-264-6664 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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